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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Zongcen Charles Xie, Jeffrey A. Pierce and Carol R. Stivers, for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR POINT OF CARE BODILY FLUID ANALYSIS.

- Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 5 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: _____.

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- 4 sheet(s) of drawings;
- a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is hereby made to _____ filed in _____ on _____;
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Basic Application Fee					770.00
Total Claims	24	MINUS 20 =	4	$\times 18.00 =$	72.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	$\times 86.00 =$	172.00
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Total Application Fee					1,014.00
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